

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba

a. Castro will be giving two speeches this weekend. The first of these will be tomorrow to a group of party leaders--his first address to the party since last spring's Escalante affair.

b. We might get some clues from it regarding the impending formal organization of the United Party of the Socialist Revolution--ultimate successor to Castro's present Integrated Revolutionary Organizations (ORI).

c. Another trapping which will mark Cuba's emergence as a full-blown Communist state will be the adoption throughout Cuba on 1 April of the "socialist emulation" movement in all enterprises. This is the conspicuously unsuccessful Soviet system of wages, norms, and work incentives.

d. There are signs that a purge of Moscow-oriented, old-line Communists such as Blas Roca, Lazar Pena and Carlos Raphael Rodriguez may be in the making, and Castro may have something to say on the score.

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[REDACTED] the purpose of the conference of Cuban ambassadors to Western Europe which was held in Havana last month, was to set up a program for recruitment of engineers, technicians, doctors, and skilled workers to improve the economy and at the same time reduce reliance on Soviet bloc technicians.

f. The ambassadors also were told not to lean so heavily on their Soviet counterparts at their posts abroad.

g. A Soviet TU-114 arrived in Havana late yesterday direct from Moscow.

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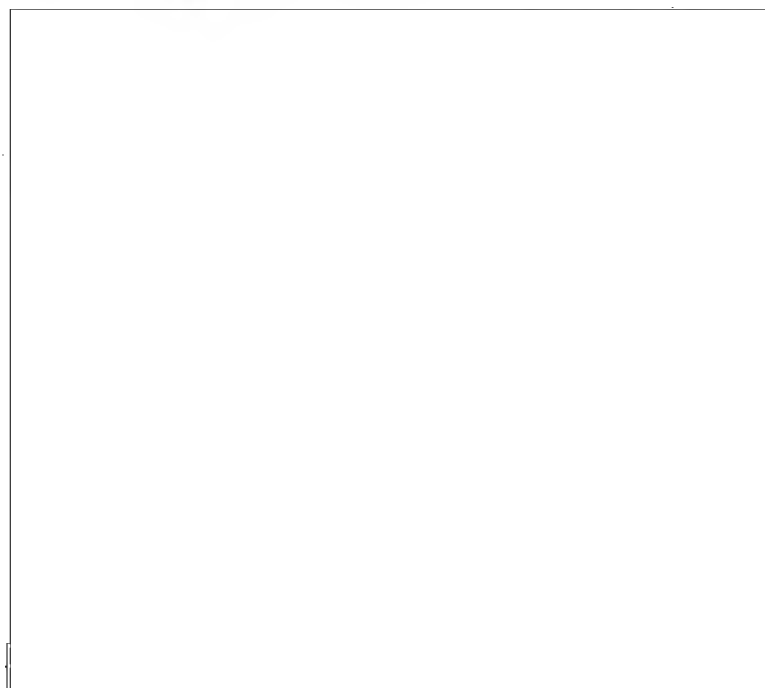
We do not know who might be aboard,

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h. The Communist clandestine radio for Italy (we believe it is near Prague) is tying our announcement last week concerning the withdrawal of some US personnel from Europe to Khrushchev's statement about withdrawal of Soviet troops from Cuba. It says ours was a quid for the Moscow's quo.



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2. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao apparently cannot tell the difference between a US C-47 and a Soviet LI-2. Soviets


 are being fired at, too.

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b. The Pathet Lao are allowing Kong Le to send convoys into North Vietnam to pick up supplies, but, on the return trip, the Vietnamese seize travel and border-crossing orders, hijack the trucks and turn the supplies over to the Pathet Lao.

c. Kong Le's repeated complaints the Pathet Lao are trying to starve him out have been to no avail.

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3. Togo

a. Togolese refugees have abandoned plans for an early coup and, instead, plan to set up a government-in-exile in Nigeria [REDACTED]

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b. Grunitsky's government has been accorded de jure recognition by only three states so far: Ghana, Senegal and Lebanon. Other states in the area hope that in isolating Togo diplomatically they can somehow bring about a favorable solution to internal problems there. Their inaction, however, is making it easier for Ghana to extend its influence in Lome.

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4. Yemen

a. The British say the Yemenis have occupied a village in Aden Protectorate territory, and London has asked us to tell them to get out forthwith. Otherwise they will be forced out.

b. The border in this area is poorly marked and the incursion may have been accidental. However, the Yemenis remain convinced royalist tribes are receiving aid infiltrated across the border in this area and they are intent on stopping it.

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5. East Europe

a. Harsh weather this winter has been particularly troublesome for the vulnerable economies of Eastern Europe.

b. Industrial output has been set back and some plans for the year may not be accomplished.

c. There is, furthermore, the threat of disastrous floods in several areas

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6. Yugoslavia-
West Germany

a. Belgrade plans next month to begin to show open hostility towards West Germany in a variety of ways, [REDACTED]

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b. The Yugoslavs are fed up with Bonn's refusal to discuss a number of bilateral problems with them.

7. Communist
China

a. Peiping has printed the full text of Khrushchev's 12 December "the paper tiger has nuclear teeth" speech, with choice phrases in bold type--a set up, it would seem, for a countering blast in the next few days.

b. Communist Chinese [REDACTED]

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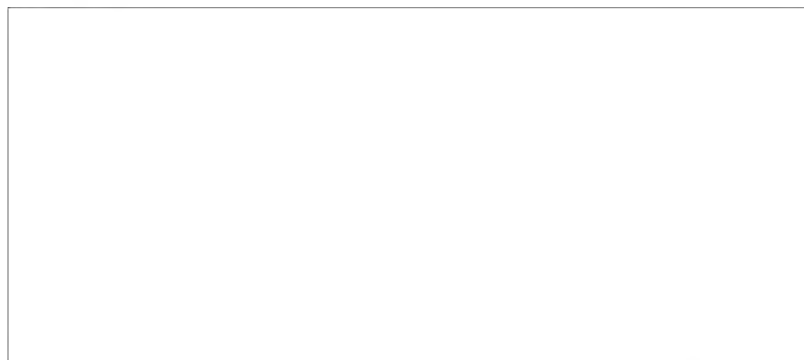
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[REDACTED] orientation briefings on how Peiping views things. They were told that China had passed the worst of its economic difficulties and is now in a better position to step up pressure against the Western world. The situation, they were told, was particularly promising for this in South Vietnam.

8. Common Market

a. A meeting of Communist party delegates from each of the Common Market countries (plus Britain) is slated for the first week in March in Brussels.



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c. Brussels will also be the scene (this weekend) of a Socialist international confab with top leaders from each of the West European (plus Britain) Socialist parties to work out common lines of action in the new European situation.

d. Spaak, who took the initiative in calling the meeting, hopes it will result in concerted resistance to De Gaulle's concepts of Europe based on nationalism.

NOTES

- A. Guatamala A group of rightist military officers plans to move against Ydigoras' regime

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- C. West Berlin A Socialist-Free Democrat coalition will probably result from last weekend's elections in Berlin. Brandt's SPD does not want to govern alone despite the victory which we suppose Brandt will interpret as a mandate for his policy of exploratory contacts with the East. The Free Democrats would encourage him in such initiatives.

- D. Venezuela The Anzoategui will be returned to Venezuela by 36 of its 45 crew members. The pirates and some of the rest of the crew are being held incommunicado at the Belem naval base until the Brazilian government decides what is to be done with them.